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TAGS: CASC, RP (ROCAMORA, JOEL)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST CASE: W/W JOEL ROCAMORA

REF: MANILA 2369

1. POL COUNSELOR CALLED SOLICITOR GENERAL MEDOZA
FEB 21 TO ASCERTAIN RESULTS OF MENDOZA'S FURTHER CHECK-
ING ON ROCAMORA CASE AS SUGGESTED BY US REFTEL.

2. MENDOZA SAID (A) HE HAD FOUND NOTHING YET TO INDICATE
ROCAMORA ON WANTED LIST--IMPLYING HE HAD CHECKED FUR-
THER WITH OTHER AGENCIES ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE; (B)
DFA UNDERSECRETARY COLLANTES SAID NO APPLICATION TO DE-
PART RECEIVED. SINCE ROCAMORA WAS IN CATEGORY OF
TEMPORARY RELEASE (HAVING BEEN DETAINED ONCE), APPLICA-
TION WOULD HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO NISA AND COULD NOT
AUTOMATICALLY BE APPROVED. MENDOZA TOLD COLLANTES THAT
ASSUMING--AS HE DID-- THAT NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TURNED UP
AT NISA THAT HE WOULD ENDORSE ROCAMORA RELEASE. COLLANTES
SAID HE AGREEABLE TO THIS IN PRINCIPLE; (C) HE "SPOKE TO
NO ONE AT DFA WHO HAD SEEN ROMUALDEZ REPORT ON
PERCY CALL. IMPLICATION WAS THAT ROMUALDEZ HAD NOT RE-
PORTED.

3. MENDOZA RECOMMENDED THAT MRS. ROCAMORA COME IN TO
SEE HIM TO CLEAR AWAY INNUENDOS OF NISA INTEREST IN
HUSBAND AND EXPLAIN PROCESS HE PROPOSES OF APPLYING
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FOR HUSBAND'S DEPARTURE. POL COUNSELOR AGREED TO ARRANGE

CALL ON MENDOZA.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE WE HAVE CARRIED CHECKING PROCESS
FAR ENOUGH. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT BE SURE THAT ONE BRANCH
OF GOP SECURITY SERVICES MAY YET HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST
IN ROCAMORA, SOLICITOR GENERAL HAS GONE TO EXTRAORDINARY
LENGTHS TO BE COOPERATIVE, TO CHECK OUT ROCAMORA SITUATION,
AND TO PUT GOP ON LINE--IN PRINCIPLE AND INFORMALLY--
SUPPORTING ROCAMORA DEPARTURE PROVIDED PROPER PROCEDURES
FOLLOWED. ACCORDINGLY WE THINK IT REASONABLE FOR
MRS. ROCAMORA TO MEET WITH SOLICITOR GENERAL TO INITIATE
REQUEST FOR HUSBAND'S DEPARTURE.
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